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MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a continuation divisional
 continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of
pending prior Application No. 09/804,456 filed on April 18, 2001,
the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by
reference,
by

MOTOSHIM, Kuniaki et al.

for

OPTICAL AMPLIFYING REPEATER APPARATUS AND OPTICAL
AMPLIFYING/REPEATING TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

1. Enclosed is an application consisting of specification,
claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if
applicable).

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2. The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

		LARGE ENTITY		SMALL ENTITY		
BASIC FEE		\$770.00		\$385.00		
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	1-20 =	0	x 18 =	\$0.00	x 9 =	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1-3 =	0	x 86 =	\$0.00	x 43 =	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$290.00		+ \$145.00	
		TOTAL	\$770.00		\$0.00	

3. A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. Enclosed is/are thirteen (13) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 6a. A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. _____ on _____. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
- 6b. The current application qualifies for small entity status.
7. The prior application is assigned to Mitsubishi Denki Kabushiki Kaisha of 2-3, Marunouchi 2-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8310, Japan.
8. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 9a. Priority of Application No(s). _____ filed in _____ on _____ is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on _____.
- 9b. Priority of International Appln. PCP/JP00/04946 filed on July 25, 2000 under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Japanese Application No. 11/216187 filed in Japan

on July 30, 1999 under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

10. An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.

11. Address all future communications to:

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12. An extension of time for _____ month(s) until _____ has been submitted in parent Application No. _____ in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.

13. Also enclosed herewith is the following:

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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